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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit herewith the following for filing in the abovereferenced application:

- (1) a Petition for Two-Month Extension; and
- (2) a Response.

The Petition for Two Month Extension authorizes the Commissioner to charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0364. If any other fee is due with this submission, please charge it to <u>Deposit Account No. 50-0364</u>.

Respectfully submitted

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RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Response further to the Office Action of October 1, 2003 mailed in connection with the above-identified application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.